

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO*

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From Some Editorial Notes:

A Victim to Duty.—With the remarkable successes in aerial navigation, comes the news that the Wright brothers are to begin suit against their rival, Curtiss, for infringement of patent. The statement is of more than passing interest because it brings to mind the fact that not only fame and honor attend discoveries in the mechanic-arts, but great wealth as well. Mechanics furnishes every incentive to the investigator. How different is it in the field of medicine, where he who is not satisfied to follow in beaten paths receives but scant assistance in hewing out new trails. . . . In May of this year a Californian sacrificed his life in the pursuit of duty. Dr. William Martin Wightman of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service died at Guayaquil, Ecuador, of yellow fever. . . .

Ground Squirrels and Plague.—The work of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service in uncovering and outlining the focus of squirrel plague in California marks one of the greatest advances which has been made by preventive medicine in the last decade. During recent years each summer has been marked by the occurrence of one or two human plague cases in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. . . .

From an article on "Eye Symptoms in Intracranial Complications Following Middle-Ear Suppuration" by Vard H. Hulen, A. M., M. D., San Francisco.

The above subject allotted to me in this symposium if followed fully and to its logical conclusions would result in hundreds of pages, hence I shall only be able in my few moments to allude to the important eye changes often revealed and to the necessity of ocular examinations in these serious cases. It is hoped this supplement, as it were, to the broader subject of symptomatology treated here by another member, may be justified. . . .

From an article on "Indications for Operation in Chronic Purulent Otitis Media" by Edward C. Sewall, M. D., San Francisco.

How is to be decided the question when and upon what patients are we to operate radically in chronic purulent otitis media? Since the work of Schwartz, and more particularly of Stacke, which began a new era in the treatment of purulent ear disease, surgeons, because of the multitude of cases and statistics, have found out the worth of the measure and its limitations. . . .

From an article on "The Different Operations for Chronic Suppuration of the Middle Ear" by H. Bert Ellis, M. D., Los Angeles.

The treatment of chronic suppuration of the middle ear certainly does not present a brilliant field for medicine or surgery. Local treatment of a medical character frequently stops a discharge which has existed months or even years, but the suppuration is more than likely to return with the first severe so-called "cold in the head" or on exposure to untoward atmospheric conditions. This fact has caused a reaction from local therapeutic measures to surgical interference. . . .

* This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of society work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA*

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Results of Board of Medical Examiners' Examination, Los Angeles.—Charles B. Pinkham reports results of the written examination held in Los Angeles on July 24 to 26 inclusive, 1934. The examination for physicians and surgeons covered nine subjects and included ninety questions. An average of 75 per cent is required to pass. Ninety-four graduates of medical schools wrote the examination, including several from foreign countries.

The highest mark (93 7/9) was made by a graduate of St. Louis University School of Medicine, Missouri. Eighty-eight physician and surgeon applicants passed, and six failed.

The following is a list of successful applicants, who have been issued medical licenses to practice in California:

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Leland Richmond House, Los Angeles, College of Medical Evangelists.
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